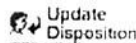


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**Subject:** Referred to Region - Tennessee  
**Tip ID:** 145288  
**Date:** 07/13/2016  
**Time:** 2:11:00 PM  
**Recipient:** Regional Tip and/or Complaint  
**Recipient Email:**

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HO Lead Number  
FY16-145288-3710-CV clear  
Ref. Lead Number

Case Number:

**Submitter Info**

**From:** (b)(6) Personal Privacy  
**Email:**  
**Company:**  
**Address:**  
**City:**  
**State:**  
**Zip:**  
**Phone:**

**Official:** State  
**Statute:** FIFRA  
**Action:** Unspecified Government Action  
**Disposition:** Lead Closed

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[Windows Live Local URL](#)[\[check URL\]](#)**Alleged Violator/Violation Info**

**Name:** Powell Valley Electric Company  
**Address:** PO Box 1528  
**City:** New Tazwell  
**State:** Tennessee  
**Zip:** 37824  
**Phone:**  
**Violation Date:** 07/01/2016

**Category:**

Region 4 - FIFRA ▼

**Language:**

English ▼

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**Violation still occurring?:** Yes  
**Notified state DEP, DEQ, or DEM?:** No  
**Department contact:**

**Tip or Complaint:**

The electric company contracted to have vegetation sprayed around power lines. The spray was done with not notification. It has caused sever damage to all vegetation. Our property was sprayed causing a 20-30 foot area of dead trees, plants and wild flowers. I'm very concerned about the effects on the water table as 99% of the residents in our area us well/spring water. They have sprayed edges

of the road in the 8 miles back to our home as well. We have noticed headaches, burning eyes and breathing problems as well.

**Update to Tip or Complaint:**

**Specific Directions to Site:**

From Highway 33 turn into (b)(6) Personal You can see the damage in the first few yards into the community.

**Referrer:**

<https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/report-environmental-violations>

**URL for related document:**

Intent	Type	Media	Entity
Accidental	Release	Land	Individual
Intentional	Dump/Buried	Water	Company
Unknown	Spill	Air	Government/Military
	Spray	Worker	Unknown
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**Date Sent:** September 2, 2016

**Time Sent:** 9:20:57 AM

**To:** NONE

**Cc:**

**From:** Region

**Subject:** Final Disposition

**Message:** HQ Lead Number: FY16-145288-3710-CV  
Potential Violator's State: Tennessee  
Reference Lead Number  
Potential Violator's Name: Powell Valley Electric Company  
Case Number

Official: State  
Statute: FIFRA  
Action: Unspecified Government Action  
Disposition: Lead Closed

**Date Sent:** July 15, 2016

**Time Sent:** 6:53:55 AM

**To:** NONE

**Cc:**

**From:** Region

**Subject:** Final Disposition

**Message:** HQ Lead Number: FY16-145288-3710-CV  
Potential Violator's State: Tennessee  
Reference Lead Number  
Potential Violator's Name: Powell Valley Electric Company  
Case Number

Official: Region  
Statute: FIFRA  
Action: Under Review  
Disposition: Assigned

**Date Sent:** July 15, 2016

**Time Sent:** 6:53:46 AM

**To:** table.melba@epa.gov

**Cc:**

**From:** barrino.reginald@epa.gov

**Subject:** FWD: (FIFRA - FY16-145288-3710-CV) Referred to Region Tennessee

**Message:** Melba - I am referring this complaint to your office for follow-up. Please notify me by email of any actions taken to address the complainant's concerns. Thank you. Reginald

**Date Sent:** July 13, 2016

**Time Sent:** 2:58:50 PM

**To:** Region 4

**Cc:**

**From:** HQ Criminal

**Subject:** Final Disposition

**Message:** HQ Lead Number: FY16-145288-3710  
Potential Violator's State: Tennessee  
Reference Lead Number  
Potential Violator's Name: Powell Valley Electric Company  
Case Number

Official: Region

Status: Unassigned

Action: Under Review

Disposition: N/A

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Referred Directly

Referred By Criminal

**Subject:** Referred to Region - Tennessee  
**Tip ID:** 149176  
**Date:** 10/18/2016  
**Time:** 12:38:00 AM  
**Recipient:** Regional Tip and/or Complaint  
**Recipient Email:**

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HQ Lead Number

FY17-149176-3710-CV

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Ref. Lead Number

Case Number:

#### Submitter Info

**From:**  
**Email:**  
**Company:**  
**Address:**  
**City:**  
**State:**  
**Zip:**  
**Phone:**

(b)(6) Personal Privacy

**Official:** Region  
**Statute:** FIFRA  
**Action:** Under Review  
**Disposition:** Assigned

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#### Alleged Violator/Violation Info

**Name:** Powell valley electric  
**Address:** 325 straight creek road  
**City:** new tazewell  
**State:** Tennessee  
**Zip:** 37825  
**Phone:**  
**Violation Date:** 06/25/2016

#### Category:

Region 4 - FIFRA

#### Language:

English

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Violation still occurring?: Yes

Notified state DEP, DEQ, or DEM?: No

Department contact:

#### Tip or Complaint:

Herbicide was sprayed throughout our entire community under the power lines. No residents were given notice of the spraying. The spraying covered some peoples wells, gardens, and direct spraying into Norris lake. For weeks after the spraying, dead plants were floating all over our cove. We have lost a dog to kidney failure and I also required a visit to the urologist with signs of kidney stone. No stone present but elevated creatinine levels shown on labs. For our

dog, we believe the chemical sprayed covered an area where our neighbors throw out scrap food for their animals. Our blackberry bushes were only as high as the fence. They were sprayed without notice, picked, and used for cobbler shortly after the application of the herbicide. Areas where water passed under the lines were directly sprayed leaving a sheen into Norris lake. This resulted in dead plants and algae. These dead plants were swam in everyday by my family and animals without any knowledge of the chemical application. The crew that sprayed did not speak English and were not able to communicate with neighbors when asked questions. A short notice community meeting to address the spraying drew many stories of wells being sprayed over, several dead or missing animals, direct spraying of one residents dog, over spray hitting home owners and causing rashes, and animals turning colors. Residents and campers are using some of the dead wood to burn fires heating homes and camp sites without knowledge of the application of chemicals.

**Update to Tip or Complaint:**

**Specific Directions to Site:**

Union county, (b)(6) Personal Privacy Norris Lake. Would be happy to meet with an official and guide through damaged areas. Able to provide water transportation if needed to view from lake.

**Referrer:**

<https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/report-environmental-violations>

**URL for related document:**

Intent	Type	Media	Entity
Accidental	Release	Land	Individual
<b>Intentional</b>	Dump/Buried	<b>Water</b>	<b>Company</b>
Unknown	Spill	<b>Air</b>	Government/Military
	<b>Spray</b>	Worker	Unknown
	Fill	Documents	
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**Date Sent:** October 18, 2016

**Time Sent:** 9:49:38 AM

**To:** NONE

**Cc:**

**From:** Region

**Subject:** Final Disposition

**Message:** HQ Lead Number: FY17-149176-3710-CV  
Potential Violator's State: Tennessee  
Reference Lead Number  
Potential Violator's Name: Powell valley electric  
Case Number

Official: Region  
Statue: FIFRA  
Action: Under Review  
Disposition: Assigned

**Date Sent:** October 18, 2016

**Time Sent:** 9:49:23 AM

**To:** table.melba@epa.gov

**Cc:**

**From:** harrno.reginald@epa.gov

**Subject:** FWD: (FIFRA - FY17-149176-3710-CV) Referred to Region - Tennessee

**Message:** Melba - I am referring this complaint to your office for follow-up. For tracking purposes, please notify me by email of any actions taken to address the complainant's concerns. Thank you. Reginald

**Date Sent:** October 18, 2016

**Time Sent:** 8:52:21 AM

**To:** Region 4

**Cc:**

**From:** HQ Criminal

**Subject:** Final Disposition

**Message:** HQ Lead Number: FY17-149176-3710  
 Potential Violator's State: Tennessee  
 Reference Lead Number  
 Potential Violator's Name: Powell valley electric  
 Case Number

Official: Region  
 Statue: Unassigned  
 Action: Under Review  
 Disposition: N.A

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